I.C.P.O. Calendar

20-28 April 2006

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (April 20 - 28, 2006)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).

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20/04/2006: Riccardo, IZ1GDB, plans to be active from Kenya as 5Z/IZ1GDB between April 20 and May 1, 2006. He will be operating on 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

20/04/2006: Karl, WA2KBZ, plans to operate as TA0/WA2KBZ from Buyukada (not IOTA), in the Sea of Marmara, from April 20th to May 1st. Expect activity on 80, 40 and 20 meters, mostly CW. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425 DXN]

20/04/2006: YC6JKV, YB6LYS, YB6PLG, YB1BOD and YC6LAY will be active April 20-27th as YE6N from Pulau Nias (OC-161, WW Loc. NJ81SM, Pulau Nias lighthouse WLOTA LH-1444). They plan to operate for five days on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meter SSB and CW, running barefoot and using homebrew directional antennas for each band. Look for them on the following frequencies: CW - 1.815, 3.530, 7.007, 10.115, 14.040, 18.098, 21.040, 24.920 and 28.040 MHz; SSB - 3.795, 7.055, 14.260, 18.128, 21.260, 24.950, 28.560 and 50.150 MHz. Due to the sunspot conditions, they will always stand by on 50,150 MHz and refrain from calling CQ. Details on Pulau Nias and the operation can be found at http://www.toba-dx-group.net/nias/; contributions will be gratefully accepted (please contact Agus, YC6JKV at yc6jkv@toba-dx-group.org). QSL via YB9BU (Kadek Kariana SP, P.O. Box 106, Singaraja 81100, Bali, Indonesia: do not send green stamps, he says, but new IRCs preferably issued in the country the envelope comes from). [Tnx 425 DXN]

20/04/2006: DXpediton to Aves Island (NA-020, WW Loc. FK85EQ, WLOTA LH-0134) using the callsign YX0A will be QRV on April 20th and should end around May 1st. The operators will be Ramon/YV5EED, Edgar/YV2IF, Rey/YV5AMH, Jose/YV5ANT, Pablo/YV5IVB, Jose/YV5LIX, Antonio/YV5LMW, Eduardo/YV5MHX, Federico/YV5NCZ, Gregorio/YV5OHW, Alex/YV5SSB, Victor/YV5ZV, Jig/AD6TF and Ray/DL2GG. The DXpedition is limited to 14 operators by the Navy and they plan to be active on all bands on CW, SSB and digital modes. For the first week or so they will focus on SSB and CW while reserving the digital modes for a few days before the end of the operation. Joe, YV5LIX, will be the digital modes coordinator for this DXpedition. QSL via KU9C. On-line logs will be available. Further information can be found at http://yv0.info/ [Tnx DE0MST]

21/04/2006: Operators Mathias/DJ9MD, Jens/DK8MIL, Jan/DK7JAN, Thomas/DK9BTX and Arno/DO9BS will operate as DF0TM from Neuwerk Island (EU-127, N-12 for the German islands award, Neuwerk lighthouse WLOTA LH-2311) from April 21-24th. They will be active on all bands, including 160 and 2 meters. In the afternoons listen on 14.260 MHz SSB. QSL via DF0TM. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

21/04/2006: Operators JA1KJW/6, JJI1JGI/6, JH1VVW/6 and others plan to be active from Tsushima Island (IOTA AS-036, JIIA AS-036-022), JA6 Nagasaki prefecture, from April 21-23rd. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

21/04/2006: Manuel (CT1BWW), Javier (HR2J), Lane (KC4CD/HR2), Antonio (HR2AHC), Daniel (HR2DMR) and Pedro (HR2PAC) will operate on all bands as HR4T and HQ4T from Isla del Tigre (NA-060) between April 21-25th. QSL direct to HR2J (Javier Pinel, P.O. Box 2754, San Pedro Sula, Honduras). [Tnx 425 DXN]

21/04/2006: IK2DUW, IK2GPQ, IK2WFE, IK8UHA and IW2OAZ will operate on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 6 and 2 meters as IB0/IQ2LB from Ventotene Island (EU-045, IIA LT-011, MIA MI-118, WLOTA LH-1403) on 22-24 April. QSL via bureau. [Tnx 425 DXN]

21/04/2006: Team RK3UWK will be active April 21-23rd as RK3UWK/p and RK3UWK/3 from the following references for the Russia Districts Award (RDA): Rostov City (RDA YR-08), the Borisoglebsky area (RDA YR-13), the Rostovsky area (RDA YR-24), Yaroslavskaya oblast (YR); the Jur'ev-Polsky area (RDA VL-28), Vladimirskaya oblast (VL); and the Il'insky area (RDA IV-15), Ivanovskaya oblast (IV). QSL via UA3UME direct or bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

22/04/2006: Dani, 6W/EA4ATI, reports that he will be active as 6W1EA from Goree Island (AF-045) April 22-23nd. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via direct to EA4ATI. [Tnx OPDX]

22/04/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, plans to activate Brend summit (SOTA DL/BW-020, 1149m, 10 points, WW Loc. JN48BB), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, on April 22nd starting around 1500z. Look for him on 7.030 and 10.116 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

22/04/2006: Pascal, F1UGK/p, did not reach the 100 QSOs Saturday, April 15th, so he will be once again active from the castle reference DFCF 79-118 on April 22nd to finish and validate this activity. The new castle reference is located in Department of Deux Sevres (DDFM 79), Province of Poitou Charente (DPF 19). Pascal plans to start on 80 meters, then QSY to 40 meters SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

22/04/2006: Francois/F5JNE and Claude/F5MCC will be active April 22nd as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Chailly upon Armancon (DFCF 21-042 for the French Castles Award), City of Chailly/Armancon (CP 21320), Canton (county) of Pouilly en Auxois (DDCF 21-26), Department Cote d'Or (DDFM 21), Province of Bourgogne (DPF 05). As usual starting around 0600z, 80m SSB then 40m CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau is preferred, SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

22/04/2006: Antoine, F5RAB, will be active from Ile d'Ouessant (EU-065, DIFM AT-001, WLOTA LH-0208) between April 22-26th. Activity on HF CW/SSB, barefoot 100 watts and wires. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5RAB]

22/04/2006: Claude, F6AEW/p, plans to activate the Castle Panard (DFCF 53-056 for the French Forts and Castles Award) and the Mill Panard (DMF 53-011 for the French Mills Award) on April 22nd. The castle and mill are located in the City of Ernee (CP 53500), Canton [county] Ernee (DDCF 53-10), Department Mayenne (DDFM 53), Province of Pays de Loire (DPF 17). Look for activity on 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct

or bureau. [Tnx F6AEW]

22/04/2006: Patrick, F8DYD/p, plans to activate the Verneuil Castle (DFCF 86-025 for the French Castles Award) and Watermill (DMF 86-011 for the French Mills Award), Migne-Auxances City (CP 86440), Canton [county] Neuville de Poitou (DDCF 86-21), Department Vienne (DDFM 86), Province of Poitou Charente (DPF 19) on April 22nd. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

22/04/2006: Operators Gerry/IZ1DSH and Giovanni/IK1WEG will be active from Liechtenstein as HB0/homecall from April 22-25th. Activity will be from the locality of Gaflei (1000m ASL) on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meter CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

22/04/2006: Slava/US7IGF, Roman/UR7IJQ, Alexandr/UR7IKV and Roman/UY7IQ will operate from Slovy'ans'kyi Island (SD-09 for for the Ukrainian Islands Award) on 22 April. Activity will be on 40-17 meter SSB and CW. QSL via home calls. [Tnx 425 DXN]

22/04/2006: Taka, JR3TVH/JS6, plans to be active from Tarama Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-008), Miyako Island group, from April 22nd to May 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meter CW, SSB, AM, FM and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

22/04/2006: Members of the Low Country Contest Club will be QRV as NU4SC from Folly Island (NA-110, SC-015S for the U.S. islands award, Charleston County), South Carolina, April 22nd and 23rd. They will activate the Morris Island lighthouse (ARLHS USA-515, WLH K-104 for The World Lighthouse Award - TWLHD) for the ARLHS Spring Lights QSO Party. The team will be located on the northwest end of Folly Island. Activity will be mostly SSB on the HF bands, usual IOTA and lighthouse frequencies. QSL via K3IXD, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

22/04/2006: Operators Marcial/OA4DM, Jorge/OA4BHY, Daniel/DL5SE and Daniel/DL5YWM are planning to go to Isla Chincha del Centro (SA-073). They will be active as OC5I and are expected to be on 160-10 meter CW/SSB (on the IOTA freqs.). The lighthouse will be activated there, and the reference numbers are ARLHS PER-002, WLH OA-003 and WLOTA LH-0362. QSL for this operation is via Jeff, DL5WM (ok on QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

23/04/2006: Toshi/JA8BMK and Kazu/JA8MWU will be staying at Katmandu, Nepal, for a holiday between April 23rd and May 2nd. They hope to QRV mostly 40m - 10m, SSB during those days. Kazu has been keeping 9N7WU. Toshi was 9N1BMK and 9N1WW but not sure his new call sign. Due to the political situation in Nepal, their activities may be restricted. QSL via their below home call address. JA8BMK Toshihiko Fukuta: 2115-3 Nobori, Yoichi, 046-0002 JAPAN. JA8MWU Kazunori Abe: 12-5-9 Kagura 7-Jyo, Asahikawa, 070-8007 JAPAN. [Tnx F5NQL]

23/04/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, plans to activate Kolbenkopf summit (SOTA DL/BW-069, 934m, 10 points, WW Loc. JN48CD), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, on April 23rd starting around 0900z. He also plans to activate Geissberg summit (SOTA DL/BW-031, 1047m, 10 points, WW Loc. JN48BD), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, starting around 1200z. Look for him to be on 7.030 and 10.116 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

23/04/2006: Richard, G3CWI/p, will activate Kinder Scout summit (SOTA G/SP-001, 636M) April 23rd at around 1200z. QSL via home call, direct or

bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

23/04/2006: Fabio, IW1DFU, reports that he will operate as IA5/IW1DFU from Isola d'Elba (EU-028, IIA LI-001, MIA MI-022, WLOTA LH-0609) from April 23-29th. Expect activity on 15, 20 and 30 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DXN]

23/04/2006: From April 23rd till April 29th, 2006 a group of radio-amateurs will be active from Wiltz (Luxembourg) as LX/homecall. Members of the group are Theo/PA1TO, Paul/PA2CW, Martin/PA2W and Con/PE1OOM. They will be active on all HF bands with special attention to 160m and the WARC bands. QSL via home call. More QSL information is shown on QRZ.com. A web site has been set up at www.xs4all.nl/~pa1to/lx2006.html [Tnx NG3K]

23/04/2006: Gary, M0SOA/p, will activate Moel Famau summit (SOTA GW/NW-044, 554m, WW Loc. IO83ID, 2 points), North Wales region, on April 23rd starting around 1000z. Look for activity on 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

25/04/2006: Hisa/JA1DOT and Hiro/JP1TRJ will be QRV from Guinea-Bissau as J5DOT and J5TRJ respectively from April 25th to May 4th. The pilot station for this DXpedition will be Akihiko Ono, JK1OPL. Activity will be on 160-10 meter CW, SSB and RTTY using a TS-480HX and IC-706, wire GP/DP with 5 meter long mast plus 10 meter long fishing rod. QSL both calls via JA1DOT (Hisato Kobayashi, 2-7-19 Mejirodai, Hachioji-city, Tokyo 193-0833, Japan). An on-line log search will be available. Further information can be found on their web site at www.ndxa.jp/pedi/j5-2006/ [Tnx NG3K]

26/04/2006: Antoine, F5RAB, will be active from Ile de Brehat (EU-074, DIFM MA-012, WLOTA LH-2010) between April 26-28th. Activity on HF CW/SSB, barefoot 100 watts and wires. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5RAB]

26/04/2006: Chris, M0DOL, plans to be active as MJ0DOL/p from the Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA LH-0818) between April 26th and May 4th. He will try to activate as many castles on the island as he can during this time period for the C.A.S.H.O.T.A. (Castles And Stately Homes On The Air) award. QSL via home call, direct or through the RSGB bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

27/04/2006: Operators Heiko/DG0OGM, Lutz/DH8WW, Siggi/DL1AZZ, J?rgen/DL2AMT, Lutz/DL3ARK and Peter/DL4AMK will be QRV as homecall/p from Amrum Island (EU-042, N-18 for the German Islands Award) and lighthouse (GLH-002, ARLHS FED-032, WLOTA LH-2464) between April 27th and May 3rd. QSL via home calls, direct or through the bureau. [Tnx DL3ARK]

27/04/2006: Takeshi, JI3DST/JR6, plans to be active April 27th from Okinawa Island (IOTA AS-017, JIIA AS-017-033). Look for him around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [Tnx JI6KVR]</p>

28/04/2006: Operators Michael/DL3FCG, Lars/DL6FCB, Fred/DL8MG, Reiner/DL4ZF and crew will be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife Island (AF-004, S-012 for the Spanish islands award, WLOTA LH-1276) between April 28th and May 5th. They plan to have two stations active on all HF bands. QSL via the bureau to home calls. [Tnx OPDX]

28/04/2006: Takeshi, JI3DST/JR6, plans to be active from Miyako Island (IOTA AS-079, JIIA AS-079-005) from April 28th to May 7th. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [Tnx JI6KVR]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/04/2006: The Aero Amateur Radio Club will put W3PGA on the air from Hart Island (USI MD-015, Baltimore county), Maryland, April 29th, in celebration of their 60th Anniversary. This activity is dependent on the weather since the island is accessible only by boat. Activity will be limited to 20 meter SSB. QSL via their information on QRZ.com. [Tnx USI]

06/05/2006: Look for Ronnie, SM7DKF, to be signing FS/SM7DKF from the Esmeralda Resort, Orient Beach, island of St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, Grid FK88) from May 6-10th. Activity will be on all bands with an Icom IC-706MkIIg, 100 watt output. QSL only direct to SM7DKF or LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

10/05/2006: Look for Ronnie, SM7DKF, to be signing FJ/SM7DKF from the St. Barth's Beach Hotel, St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, Grid FK87) from May 10-20th. Activity will be on all bands with an Icom IC-706MkIIg, 100 watt output. QSL only direct to SM7DKF or LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

15/05/2006: Gavin, W9EYE, will operate as AH8/W9EYE from American Samoa May 15-21th. This will be a spare-time operation while working as a medical missionary in Pago Pago, Tutuila Island (OC-045). Gavin will be active on all HF bands SSB (no CW) as propagation allows. QSL to home call with SASE or through the W9 bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

21/05/2006: The Radio Club of BA 128 in Metz F6KAT will be active as F6KAT/p on May 21st from the Fortress of Verny (DFCF 57-013 for the French Castles Award), Department of Moselle (DDFM 57), Province of Lorraine (DPF 14). They will be active with 2 stations on 40m CW + SSB, 1 station for the other band and 1 station on 2m SSB. A special QSL Card will be printed for this event. QSL info via F6KAT. Further information can be found at www.f0esv.fr.tc [Tnx F5NQL]

27/05/2006: Operators Wim/PA2AM, Steve/PA2A, Hans/PAOVHA and Martin/PA2VMA will be on a holiday trip to the Faroe Islands (EU-018) between May 29th and June 8th. Look for them to be signing OY/homecall. Activity will be on all bands, CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL all calls direct to PA0VHA (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at www.pi4cc.nl/personal/pa0vha/index.htm [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

24/06/2006: Operators Jim/N4AAC, Mike/N4MAA, Kyle/N4NSS and Chris/K8QV will be QRV as W4Z from Mullet Key (NA-034, USI FL-132S, Pinellas county), Florida, June 24th and 25th. Look for them on the Field Day bands using SSB, SSTV, PSK31, CW and RTTY. QSL via K8CXM, SASE please. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

05/07/2006: Graham, M0AEP, will be QRV as VP2MDD from the island of Montserrat (NA-103) from July 1-14th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters with 200 watts plus windom antenna, SSB and CW. His main focus will be on 6 meter SSB and CW with 350 watts plus a 5 element yagi. QSL via M0ARP (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

07/07/2006: Mega/JA3EGZ, member of Himeji Armature Radio Club, and Yoko/JA3DFM, member of JARL Kobe Club, will be on the air from Kota Kinabaru, East Malaysia between July 7th and July 10th. Their call signs

will be 9M6/JA3EGZ and 9M6/JA3DFM. They hope to operate 80m to 6m, SSB and CW, no digital modes. They will participate in IARU HF World Championship as 9M6/JA3EGZ on the All band, Mixed mode, Multi operator. Look fo them 3510, 7010, 14015, 21015, 28015, 28015 kHz CW and 7088, 14170/14250, 21270, 28515 kHz SSB. QSL is to be sent to home call via the bureau or direct with SASE to JA3EGZ, P.O. Box 6, Himeji, Japan. [Tnx F5NQL]

28/07/2006: John, G3LZQ, will be QRV holiday style as EJ/G3LZQ from Inis More (EU-006) between July 28-31st. Activity will be on all bands, CW, including the RSGB IOTA contest (July 29-30th), with some WARC operation before and after the contest. QSL via home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

The International Shortwave League (ISWL), continue with their 60th (Diamond) Anniversary celebrations this coming weekend:
April 22nd & 23rd:
"GB6SWL" will be QRV both days from Walton on the Naze, Essex.
Herbie - G6XOU will be the main operator.
The ISWL Club Callsigns - " GX4BJC /P " and " MX1SWL /P " will also be QRV throughout April. [Tnx ISWL]

25/04/2006: The Museum of the History of Science in Oxford is opening an exhibition Wireless World; Marconi and the Making of Radio. ODARS (Oxford and District ARS) is running a Special event Station GB4MHS (sorry, QSL manager information not provided, please ask the operator) during the opening hours 12 noon to 4pm BST, on April 25-29th to celebrate the opening of the exhibition, which will be attended by the grandson, Guglielmo Marconi, and Princess Elettra, Marconi's daughter. They are hoping to operate 2m, 20m, 40m, 80m and their team has just put up the antennas on the roof of the Museum. There will follow a 6 month festival of radio events at the museum. Further details can be found at www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/ [Tnx F5NQL]

01/05/2006: Special event station 8J4BARA will be aired May 1-31st to celebrate the Fukuyama Rose (or Bara) Festival. Look for activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2006: Special event station 8J8JN will be aired May 1-8th activating amateur radio for the younger generation. Look for activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2006: Look for special event station 3Z80LKK to be active May 1 to June 30, 2006, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Lviv short-wave radio association - LKK. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via SP8PEF, direct or bureau. [Tnx SP8PEF]

01/05/2006: Special event station SN80LKK will be aired by Wojtek, SP8MI, to commemorate the 80 anniversary of LKK (Lvovs Shortwave Club - since 1926) during the period of May 1-31, 2006. QSL via SP8MI, bureau or direct (SASE 1IRC - new). Wojtek does not answer QSL cards on the e.QSL.cc system. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/05/2006: This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Lviv short-wave radio association - LKK. Look for special event stations EO80W and SP/EO80W to be active May 1-25th. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SP9JPA]

05/05/2006: Special event station EM750W will be aired to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the city of Lviv, Ukraine, between May 5-15th. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SP9JPA]

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From: Donald Field g3xtt@lineone.net

An Invitation to take part in The Islands on the Air Contest The Islands on the Air Contest, sponsored by the RSGB, is an annual event which takes place on the last full weekend of July. In 2006 this is 29/30 July and in 2007 will be 28/29 July. The contest takes place from 1200 UTC on the Saturday until 1200 UTC on the Sunday. It is a combined SSB/CW contest, and includes the bands 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m. Even if you are not a regular contester, the IOTA contest should be a part of every IOTA chaser's calendar. Every year expeditioners activate many island groups, and it is easily possible to qualify for the basic IOTA-CC-100 Award during the contest weekend. During the 2005 contest, for example, at least 162 island groups were active, and over 1500 entrants submitted logs. The New Generation IOTA Software, coming shortly, will permit the use of confirmed IOTA contest contacts for IOTA credits, making it even easier to gain IOTA awards.

Everyone may take part. There are 12- and 24-hour sections, CW, SSB and Mixed Mode. Every contact attracts points, but contacts with islands count for 15 points compared with 3 points for contacts with non-island stations, and contest multipliers are gained by working as many islands groups as possible on each band and mode. Full rules appear on the RSGB HF Contests Committee Web site, www.rsgbhfcc.org or you can write directly to the contest manager by e-mailing iotacontest@rsgbhfcc.org There is a wide range of trophies and certificates available to the highest-scoring entrants in each category. A free contest logging program designed especially for the contest is available at www.ei5di.com/sd/sdisetup.exe although many other popular contest logging programs also support the contest. [Tnx F5NQL]

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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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